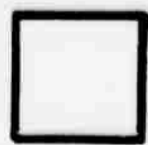


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THE PIONEERS ARE PASSING

Death of Capt. W. S. Canon, a Pioneer of Oregon and Forest City, Aged 81.

Captain W. S. Canon, who came to this county in 1852 at the age of 19 years, answered his final summons at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Luckhardt, at Tarkio, on Thursday last, April 8th, in the 81st year of his age. He was the son of Samuel R. Canon, who served as judge of the county court, from 1856 to 1860. William S. was born in Leesville, Ohio, October 24, 1833. He attended the common schools of his town and took a year's college course. He came with his parents to Holt county in 1852, locating on a farm east of Oregon.

In 1853, at the age of 20 years, the deceased came to Oregon and began clerking and then went to Council Bluffs with Tootle & Jackson, and had been with this firm only a brief time when the store and stock were destroyed by fire, and he returned to Oregon late that year and entered the employ of Zook & Peter.

In 1854 he crossed the plains with Crow & McCrory with a herd of cattle. In 1856 he returned to Oregon and entered the employ of Zook & Patterson.

In 1857 Forest City came on the map, and Mr. Canon located there and became one of the prominent citizens of that city, going there with Zook & Patterson, one of the very first mercantile firms of Forest City.

In 1859 he and William Zook opened a hardware stock there. He quit this business in 1861, on the coming on of the civil war, and recruited Company "B" of the 4th M. S. M. Cavalry, and became its captain.

Coming out of the army he returned to Forest City, engaging in sawmilling, buying and selling live stock, and grain business, and railroad grading, grading that part of the railroad from Forest City, to where Napier is now located.

In 1877 he went to the Black Hills, but his stay was brief there, and he again returned to Forest City and engaged in the live stock and grain business. In November, 1883, he and Jacob Ford became the lessees of the old Mauck Mill in the northern part of the city, and on November, 1884, it was burned, and these gentlemen lost heavily by the fire. The following year Mr. Canon and S. T. Lucas bought the Forest City mills in the southern part of the city, which they operated until 1886, when Mr. Canon sold his interest to Levi Oren.

Later, Mr. Canon removed to Mound City, and engaged in the grain business, and in time retired, and as time and the infirmities of age came, he went to Tarkio, where the past dozen years he has been making his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Luckhardt.

In his day he was a man of great energy and business push, and like the great majority met with more reverses than successes.

He was given the entered apprentice degree of Masonry, at Forest City, in 1860, and was the first initiate of that lodge. He was the Junior Warden of the lodge in 1870. When he was initiated Milton S. Moody was the Worshipful Master; Levi Zook, Senior Warden, and Hiram Patterson, Junior Warden.

He served Forest City in several official capacities in the early days, and was the postmaster from 1885 to 89.

He united with the M. E. church, South, in Forest City in his younger days.

In October, 1857, he married Julia A. McCrory, who died in 1877, and he is survived by three children: Mrs. L. H. Luckhardt, of Tarkio; Mrs. Kittie Wells, of San Diego, California, and Charles R., of Kansas City, Mo.

Funeral services were held in Tarkio, and on Saturday, 10th instant, the body was brought to Forest City, and laid to rest with Masonic orders.

The will of God is accomplished; so mote it be; amen.

The Forbes Postoffice.

Forbes came into existence by reason of the building of the K. C., St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railroad and was given its name in honor of one of the civil engineers employed in locating the road. The railroad was completed in the summer of 1868, and Levi Devorss came up from Buchanan county and purchased the 200 acres from Edward Mulholland, in August, 1868, and laid out the town and on April 3, 1869, the town plat was filed. On the 28th of August, 1868, the postoffice came into existence, under the name of Elm Grove, and Mr. Devorss became the first postmaster, his com-

mission being signed by Alex. W. Randall, then postmaster-general under U. S. Grant, as President. He was followed by S. M. Shirley, N. Swiget, Jacob Meyer, Charles Scott, Jno. Ross and others. A. G. Young was the postmaster in 1885, succeeding J. R. Wilson. Mr. Wilson was followed by Mr. Young in 1889, and J. M. Ellis then took the place of J. M. Wilson, and he was followed by S. A. Tribble, and Mr. Tribble was relieved by Miss Cora Evans, in 1899, who was succeeded by G. T. Metcalf, April 1, 1903, who has served for the last 12 years.

The office continued as Elm Grove until April, 1903, when it was changed to that of Forbes.

It became a money order office on January 1, 1893, and on January 16, it issued its first order to Kelly & Ellis for \$9, and on the same day paid its first order to Walter Thompson for \$4.

October 2, 1905, a rural route was established, covering 20 miles and supplying 96 families. Clyde McWilliams is the carrier, and during the month of November, 1913, handled a total of 3,837 pieces of mail, weighing a total of 473 pounds. It has but two namesakes, in Las Animas county, Colorado; Buckingham county, Virginia.

Across the River of Life.

Mrs. Minnie Meyer-Hill, wife of Mr. J. W. Hill, was born January 10, 1876, and died at her home in Fortescue, April 7, 1915; aged 39 years, 2 months, 27 days. She was married to J. W. Hill, June 26, 1894. To this union three sons were given. She became a member of the Church of Christ at Forest City in 1903 and continued a faithful follower of Christ to her demise. She also was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 8, the eighth oldest lodge of that order in the world. Sister Hill was a model lady, mother, Christian, Star member and citizen, and the example of her life will long be remembered by those of her associates. She leaves a husband; three sons, aged 19, 17 and 8 years; a mother, one brother, Mr. Walter Meyer; one sister, Mrs. J. Mitchell, and two half-brothers and two half-sisters in Oklahoma, besides a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The funeral service was held at the home in Fortescue by Elder W. H. Hardman, of Oregon, to a very large audience of neighbors and friends that witnessed by their presence and sympathy the high esteem in which they held her. At the close of the address the members of the lodge took charge of the remains and brought them to Oregon and interred them in the Maple Grove cemetery, after having rendered the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Star burial rites. The audience was then thanked in behalf of the relatives for their sympathy, presence and assistance in the burial rites and dismissed by Elder W. H. Hardman.

The death of Mrs. Hill brings a keen poignancy to the hearts of a large circle of friends, and brings a vacancy to the home that those dear ones left behind can only feel. Mrs. Hill was the daughter of William Meyer, one of the pioneer settlers of Holt county, and had been a great sufferer for some two years prior to her death. THE SENTINEL takes this occasion to express its deep sympathy to the husband and three manly young sons who are left to mourn the death of the Christian wife and mother.

The burial of Mrs. Hill was conducted in the beautiful Maple Grove cemetery, of this city, and was in charge of the Forest City chapter of the Eastern Star, the impressive ritualistic services of the order being in charge of the Worthy Matron, Mrs. W. S. Gifford, and Worthy Patron, Dr. F. E. Bullock; a choir consisting of Mesdames Jno. Hubbard, Geo. Lease, H. L. Everson, D. C. Stallard, John France and Miss Rua Gifford, furnished the music.

Many beautiful floral tributes came from loved ones, friends and neighbors; a large floral star, in emblematic colors, came from the Eastern Star Chapter. They were the silent but impressive tokens of esteem and love in which Mrs. Hill was held by associates, neighbors and friends.

The casket was in charge of a delegation from Forest City Masonic Lodge, who were the pallbearers.

The attendance at the last sad rites was exceedingly large; fully 200 people from Fortescue and vicinity and Forest City attended, while a large number of our own citizens attended.

Her mother, Mrs. George Landry, and her sister and brother-in-law, of Morris, Oklahoma, and a half-sister, Mrs. Bert Smith, and husband, of St. Joseph, attended the funeral.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Full Returns of the Recent Election for County Superintendent of Schools.

The official returns for the election of superintendent of schools shows that Mrs. Alberta Green-Murphy was elected by a majority of 310 over her opponent, Earl Rock, the official total being Mrs. Murphy 990 and Mr. Rock 680.

Mrs. Murphy has the distinction of being the first woman ever chosen to an elective office in the history of Holt county, and as well as her friends have reason to feel proud over the results. She made an active systematic campaign, and her management of the campaign showed her to be much of the politician.



ALBERTA GREEN-MURPHY

Mr. Rock, who retires from the office, does so with clean hands, and the consolation of having done his duty fearlessly and without favor. He worked faithfully to advance the every interest of our schools. Clean and manly in his every day life, he retires with the respect of all our people. His defeat is attributable to the fact that he was an enthusiastic advocate of the consolidation of the rural schools, and the opponents "got busy" and the result was his defeat.

Mr. Rock will go back to farm life, and will perhaps resume teaching in the winter. He will farm in the Blair district on what is known as the Nola Jackson place owned by R. L. Cason.

Mrs. Murphy, who succeeds him, is every way qualified for the position, a woman of strong personality and executive ability, and will in every way prove a capable county superintendent.

While she is to be congratulated on her election, it is with regret that we must lose her from her work here in the primary department of our school, for we do not believe her superior in this department can be found in our state. Her music pupils will also regret to lose her, for the law requires the county superintendents to devote their entire time to the duties of the office. This Mrs. Murphy will do, and has qualified and is now in charge of the office. She will have her office at her residence, where she can be seen at all times when not in the field visiting the schools.

Her first duty was that of an official call to Fortescue, looking into the matter of the consolidation of the following school districts: 37, Walker; 34, Elm Grove; 38, Fortescue; 39, Walnut Grove; 50, Idle Wild.

Alberta Green-Murphy was born in Henderson, Sibley county, Minnesota, and had the privilege—than which there is no greater—of being brought up in a cultured, refined, christian home.

While she was a very small child, her father, who was a clergyman of the Moravian Episcopal church, was called to a pastorate in North Carolina.

Her early education was looked after in the home by both father and mother, and at the age of ten she entered the Salem Female College from which thorough and widely known institution she was graduated with honors, six years later.

Her subsequent life has been in teaching, and working for the various degrees she has earned.

Mrs. Murphy for ten years taught in the Craig schools and for the past ten consecutive years has been in charge of the primary department of the Oregon school.

The election returns are as follows:

	Murphy.	Rock.
1—Eureka.....	6	0
2—King Grove.....	11	0
3—Harmony.....	11	1
6—Lonesome.....		void
7—Mt. Hope.....	5	3
8—Star.....	15	0
9—Hogrefe.....	8	1
10—Brush Col. No. 2.....	1	11
11—Cherry Dale.....	10	0
14—Squaw Creek.....	7	1
15—Pine Hill.....	3	0

16—Rising Sun.....	6	3
17—Franklin.....	8	1
18—S. Center.....	13	1
19—Pleasant Hill.....	11	1
22—North Center.....	6	3
23—Marietta.....	0	3
25—Mineral Springs.....	6	5
26—Gordon.....	4	4
27—Crosen.....	6	6
28—Richland.....	8	0
29—Triumph.....	14	3
30—Fairview.....	6	0
31—Shiloh.....	1	14
32—Bagby.....	6	5
33—Blair.....	5	20
36—Glendale.....	0	0
37—Walker.....	9	6
39—Walnut Grove.....	11	22
40—Monticello.....	18	13
41—Benton.....	16	12
42—Lincoln.....	13	10
43—New Point.....	11	0
44—Marion.....	5	0
45—Nickell's Grove.....		void
46—Divide.....	6	1
47—Union.....	13	6
48—Kimsey.....	9	7
49—Exodus.....	4	5
50—Idlewild.....	10	2
51—Burr Oak.....	7	0
52—Brush Col. No. 1.....	5	6
53—Oakland.....	8	4
54—Woods.....	8	0
55—Richville.....	10	12
56—Mayflower.....	6	0
57—Monarch.....	9	0
58—Highland.....	11	4
59—White.....	4	3
60—Culp.....	16	4
61—Bluff City.....	9	1
62—Shaffer.....	1	12
63—Chamber.....	0	5
64—Baker.....	5	1
65—Pierce.....	0	0
66—Forbes.....	4	0
67—Oak Grove.....		void
68—Wilson.....	0	0
69—Corning.....	59	45
70—Craig.....	40	13
71—Forest City.....	56	40
73—Fortescue.....	33	8
74—Maitland.....	91	34
75—Mound City.....	84	148
76—Oregon.....	111	99
Con. Dist. No. 1.....		
4—Minn Valley.....		
5—Dale Center.....	53	24
12—Liberty.....		
13—Ross Grove.....		
Con. Dist. No. 2.....		
35—Highlow.....		
20—Summit.....		
24—Kelso.....	13	59
34—Elm Grove.....		
21—Wild Rose.....		
35—Cottonwood.....		
Total.....	990	680

They Got Together

There was a family reunion at the home of William M. Morris, on Saturday, of last week, April 10th, that was in some respect out of the ordinary on such occasions.

There were present, on this occasion:

William M., wife and son, Oakley; Andy, of Mound City, wife and daughters; Vesta; Mrs. Jacob Dunham, of Blanchard, Iowa; Mrs. Clyde Ruley and husband, of Auburn, New York, and son, Delas; James, of Marion district, wife and son, Raymond; Misses Margaret and Mattie, of the Marion district. There were two absent brothers, Robert, who resides at Chinook, Montana, and John, who resides at La Pryor, Texas.

The peculiar feature of this reunion lies in the fact all of these brothers and sisters were born in Holt county. They were the children of Oakley Morris, who entered 240 acres in the now known Marion district, and their birth occurred on the old home farm which is now owned by the son, James C., and the two sisters still reside on the old home place. With the exception of the two absent brothers, the remaining members of the family have continuously resided in the county. The host on this occasion has therefore been a constant resident of the county 71 years, having been born January 7th, 1844.

The father of this bunch of excellent children was born in New Jersey, but came to Holt county from Ohio. For the first year or so he passed part of his time at Avenue City in Andrew county. In the saw mill business, and here he met Hannah Campbell who became his wife. Mr. Morris sawed the lumber and helped to haul it, that entered into the construction of the original store building of Oregon, built by the senior William Zook. The father died in 1890, and the mother in 1898.

In addition to the brothers and sisters, wives and children, the following were present: Mrs. Margaret Muxlow, mother of the hostess and her granddaughter, Mrs. Guy Conrad and husband, and their two children, great-grandchildren.

Andy and Jim drove to the home of their brother, Will, in automobiles; their father came all the way from Ohio the old way—ox team and old fashioned farm rig. It was long, long years before the steam railroad, trolley car, aeroplane or the horseless carriage. Had Will seen an alrship floating around high in the air, as he traveled to the old log school house in the Marion district, he would have turned his course for home, yelling to the top of his voice, "Mamma, Mamma, come quick, and save me."

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Annual Meeting of the Societies of the Presbytery of St. Joseph.

The eighth annual meeting of the "Presbyterial," as it is called for short, opened in Oregon on Thursday, with 61 registered delegates present, who arrived from the North on the 10:30 train and from the South on the 1:30 train. The Presbytery of St. Joseph has 44 churches and 22 Women's Missionary Societies, and covers ten counties in Northwest Missouri.

On their arrival the delegates were taken to the home of Mrs. Rob. Ruley, where dinner was served by the Social Circle.

The first session convened in the church at 2:30 and was opened with a devotional service by Mrs. Duncan Brown, of St. Joseph. A duet by Mrs. Lehmer and Mrs. Dungan was the special musical number of the afternoon and was much enjoyed. On roll call representatives from 15 Missionary Societies and 12 young people's organizations responded. Standing committees were appointed and the session adjourned for a meeting of the executive committee, which is composed of the officers and is as follows: President, Mrs. W. J. Bell; Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Robertson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. L. Sucky; Secretary and Treasurer Foreign Missions, Mrs. W. D. Hoyer; Secretary and Treasurer Home Missions, Mrs. G. S. Luckhardt; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. O. G. Bain; Secretary of Sunday Schools, Mrs. L. P. Parker; Secretary for Young People, Miss Jessie Parcher.

At the evening session a very interesting program was given to a large congregation, notwithstanding the rain. Rev. T. A. Claggett presided and conducted the devotional service. After an anthem by the choir a pageant was given by the cradle roll and Mrs. Guy Cummins' class called, "The Little Light Bearers." Then Mrs. Dungan's class gave a representation of our Hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, the girls dressed as nurses and with doll cradles for beds. This was followed by a duet by Miss Peret and Miss West; and then the Christian Endeavor Society, assisted by some of the delegates, gave a dramatic sketch, entitled, "Tired of Missions," in which we were given a glimpse of the all too common indifference shown by those in the home churches, and a glimpse, too, of the need in Japan, China, India and Laos. Mrs. A. A. Elliott, of St. Joseph, secretary for young people, made an interesting address on the work of our young people, inspiring them to greater zeal for Missions. The president appointed the following committees: Nominating, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Whitford. Place of next meeting, Miss Davis, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Gilmore, Rev. A. D. Seelig, of Humboldt, Neb., closed the session with the benediction.

Friday morning was devoted to a business session, with reports from various departments. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Robertson. A gain of three new missionary societies, two new young people's societies and two Westminster Guilds were reported. Also a gain in the offerings of the Christian Endeavor Societies and an excess over the amount asked for the China fund. Also an increase in the number of study classes.

This Presbyterial contributes to the support of Miss Thompson, in India, from whom a very interesting letter was read; and Miss Allen, a teacher in our Mission school at Feron, Utah, who also sent a letter.

A letter from Mrs. George P. Balty, of Kansas City, a Synodical president, was read. Miss Helen Kell, of New York, brought a message from the Home Board. The noonday hour of prayer was conducted by Mrs. Elliott, and after announcements, adjournment was taken to Mrs. Rob. Ruley's, where the Social Circle again served a delectable dinner.

Friday afternoon's session was opened with a devotional service conducted by the president, Mrs. Bell. The nominating committee reported and all the old officers were re-elected, except the president. Mrs. Bell said that on account of the stress of other work she could no longer act and Mrs. Duncan Brown, of St. Joseph, was elected president. Appreciation for the retiring president and a greeting to the new one was shown by giving each one a rising vote. Maitland was chosen as the place of the meeting next year.

After a solo by Mrs. Hinde, Miss K. A. Gibbons, of Kanazawa, Japan, a

Missionary on sick furlough, gave an address of thrilling interest on the educational work in Japan, showing the influence of Christianity, even among the highest classes and nobility of the people, and how the way is opening up, as even the government does not frown upon the teaching of Christianity. The great need is more workers to go up and possess the land.

At 5:30 the Christian Endeavor Society served a luncheon to the visiting delegates from the young people's societies at the home of Mrs. Rob. Ruley.

A conference was held by Mrs. Elliott, the secretary. Short talks on various phases of the work were made by Mrs. Duncan Brown, Mrs. Luckhardt, Mrs. Hoyer, and addresses by Miss Kell and Miss Gibbons.

At the closing session Friday night, Rev. A. D. Seelig, of Humboldt, Neb., presided. An anthem by the choir and solos by Mr. Paul Frye and Miss West, were beautifully rendered. The address of the evening was made by Miss Helen Kell, of New York, representing the Home Board, and was a strong presentation of the great principles, incentives and accomplishments of Missionary work.

The committee on resolutions reported, thanking the ladies of the church and friends for their delightful entertainment, the Social Circle for the delicious dinners, those who added to the interest of the meeting with their beautiful music and the gentlemen of Oregon who kindly added to their pleasure and convenience by the use of their automobiles. The delegates from the young people's societies also adopted a resolution of thanks to the Christian Endeavor society for the luncheon and entertainment received from them.

And so ended one of the largest attended and best meetings of the society. Most of the guests departed Saturday, with pleasant memories of the meeting and their visit to Oregon.

We give below a list of the delegates attending and the names of those who entertained them during their stay:

Mrs. C. D. Zook—Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Mound City; Mrs. G. S. Luckhardt, Tarkio.

Mrs. George Lehmer—Mrs. W. J. Bell, Mrs. A. A. Elliott, Mrs. W. A. McAllister, St. Joseph; Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, Mound City.

Mrs. Dan Martin—Mrs. H. B. Stevenson, Mrs. A. C. Manifold, Tarkio; Mrs. C. H. Bain, Trenton; Mrs. W. D. Hoyer, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Mottie Martin—Mrs. A. M. Reynolds, St. Joseph; Mrs. F. P. Brewster, Craig.

Mrs. Alex. VanBuskirk—Mrs. H. K. Noel, Mrs. L. P. Parker, Maitland.

Mrs. T. C. Dungan—Mrs. C. K. Sober, St. Joseph.

Mrs. G. W. Cummins—Mrs. O. B. Hudson, Mrs. J. F. Robertson, Grant City; Mrs. A. C. Seelig, Rev. A. D. Seelig, Humboldt, Neb.

Mrs. Guy Cummins—Miss K. A. Gibbons, Kanazawa, Japan; Miss Helen Kell, New York City.

Mrs. Joe Murray—Mrs. H. F. Whitford, St. Joseph; Mrs. James Murray, Napier.

Mrs. George Murray—Mrs. George Gilmore, Trenton; Miss Blanche McMullen, Tarkio.

Mrs. T. A. Claggett—Mrs. Harry Findlay, Mrs. W. R. Erwin, Fairfax.

Mrs. Will Markt—Miss Katherine Weber, Miss Alice M. Cox, St. Joseph.

Mrs. T. L. Price—Mrs. L. Layman, Bethany; Mrs. M. W. Brumbaugh, Maitland.

Miss Fannie Price—Mrs. T. D. Roberts, New Point; Mrs. Duncan Brown, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Kate Scott—Mrs. Henry Sawyers, Savannah; Mrs. W. A. Comstock, Trenton.

Mrs. Chas. Rayhill—Mrs. E. W. Smith, Maitland; Mrs. R. W. Crichton, Lathrop; Mrs. Ben Pralswater, New Point; Mrs. M. L. Stallard, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Rebecca Anderson—Mr. Larry Judy, Mr. Clarence Heck, Pleasant View.

Mrs. Chas. Markt—Miss Mae Numan, Craig.

Mrs. Vincent—Miss Lucile Morse, Craig.

Mrs. Dan Kunkel—Mrs. Logan Maxwell, Mrs. Hurd, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Hogan—Mrs. Charles Bauerlein, St. Joseph.

Miss Mildred Koock—Miss Hazel Benham, Tarkio.

Mrs. Herbert McDonald—Miss Veva Ballenge, Miss Esther Hansen, Tarkio.

Mrs. Amanda Dungan—Mrs. D. Ward King, Mrs. Mollie Frank, Maitland.

Mrs. James Huntsman—Miss Estelle Stevenson, Miss Lula Breit, Savannah.

Mrs. Dr. Whitmer—Mrs. Frodsham, Savannah.

Mrs. Lottie Markt—Miss Mary Boyer, Miss St. Clair, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Adolph—Miss Lucile B. Davis, Miss Mary F. Ford, Maryville.

Miss Kathleen Proud—Miss L. Gordon, Mound City.

Mrs. Ed Dunham—Miss Isora Judy, Miss Vera Judy, Craig; Mrs. Lela Kunkel, Mrs. Botkin, Miss Ina Botkin, New Point.